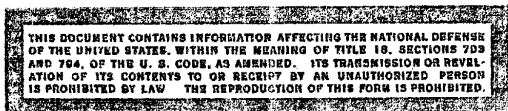


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The editors-in-chief of East Berlin newspapers  were warned not to take notice of dispatches by Western newspapers on the reorganization of the East German government. They were told that changes were actually planned in an effort to improve the capacity of some of the ministries which were confronted with an amount of work they could not possibly cope with. They also learned that the reorganization would be made after the pattern of the U.S.S.R. which eliminated the possibility of blunders and shortcomings by the very nature of its ministerial organization and planning. They gathered that the ministries specifically affected were those responsible for food, supply, building and industrial production.<sup>1</sup>

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Comment. There have already been various indications that structural changes in the ministerial apparatus of the East German government are imminent. They point toward a further specialization and fortification of the central agencies of the state after the Soviet pattern and thus continue a development which became apparent when the comparatively strong middle agencies, namely the Land governments were eliminated. The recent supply difficulties in East Germany are therefore probably less the cause than a welcome opportunity and justification of the execution of further centralization measures.

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